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WELCH REMINDS LOCALS TO FILE FOR EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

INDIANAPOLIS – As lawmakers continue to debate an extension of the State's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), State Rep. Peggy Welch (D-Bloomington) wants to remind citizens to check if they are eligible for the credit.

House Bill 1083 would extend the EITC after 2005. It has been passed in the House and is currently being debated in the Senate.

"I want to make sure that citizens understand that they should continue to apply for the Earned Income Tax Credit if they are eligible," said Welch. "The EITC has made the tax code more fair and has been a real boost for families both nationwide and here in Indiana."

To apply for the EITC, an individual's earned income in 2003 must be less than \$34,692. The average Indiana family received more than \$1,600 from the EITC.

For wage earners participating in this program there are two options. One, if a wage earner is income eligible, he or she may ask their employer to adjust their withholding statement and have less taxes deducted. Two, the person can claim their credit when filing their tax returns.

Many families in the area are eligible for the credit but do not receive it because they fail to apply. If individuals think they may be eligible to receive the Earned Income Tax Credit, the following places can be visited for more information and assistance:

Monroe County

IN Dept. Of Revenue District Office in Bloomington
410 Landmark Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47403
(812) 339-1119

Ellettsville Branch Library
Tues. and Wed. only 12 - 2, Feb. 1 - April 13.
(812) 876-1272

Call for appointment

Bloomington Library Branch
Monday - Friday, 3 - 5:30; Sat. 9 - 11:30; April 1 - April 15;
Anyone, not just low income, will also be doing electronic filing

Green County

Eastern Greene County Public Library
6pm - 8pm Mon. Feb. 14
10 - 2 on Sat. Feb. 26
(812) 384-4125

Highrise (Bloomfield Housing Authority)
100 W. Main St.
(812) 384-8866

Feb. 11, 18, 25 & March 4, 11 from 8:30 - 12:00

Brown County

Brown Co. Public Library
(812) 988-2850
Call for appointment